Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title as follows:

~~VEHICLE DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE COMPRISING IT~~

VEHICLE DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE PROVIDED WITH THE SAME

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Three-phase inverter 36 includes IGBTs 52-62, each of which is a power semiconductor element. IGBT 52 and IGBT 54 are connected in series between positive and negative electrodes of battery 38, and their connection node is connected to the ~~U-phase~~W-phase coil of the motor. IGBT 56 and IGBT 58 are connected in series between the positive and negative electrodes of battery 38, and their connection node is connected to the V-phase coil of the motor. IGBT 60 and IGBT 62 are connected in series between the positive and negative electrodes of battery 38, and their connection node is connected to the ~~W-phase~~U-phase coil of the motor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Rotor 3 is a four-pole rotor in which two pairs of salient poles are formed. A salient pole 35 is tilted with respect to an axis X-X and has a bilaterally-asymmetric shape. A direction shown by an arrow in ~~Fig. 2~~Fig. 3 is a forward direction along which the rotor rotates when the vehicle moves forward, and salient pole 35 is tilted in a direction tilted from

a trailing side to a leading side with respect to the forward direction, and from the rotation center to the outside.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Fig. 5, a magnitude of an output shown by a maximum power curve in the first quadrant, i.e. during power running, is designed to be larger than that shown by a maximum power curve in the ~~sixth~~ fourth quadrant, i.e. during regenerative operation. It is noted that the characteristic shown in Fig. 5 is exhibited when fixed power supply voltage is supplied. By adopting a rotor having the shape shown in each of Figs. 2 and 3, an output in a curve P1 can be made larger than that in a curve P4. In this case, maximum torque generated when motor speed is low is smaller in curve P1 than in curve P4.